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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISITS BY PRESIDENT BOKASSA

1. ACCORDING TO KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO CAR LEE, PRESIDENT BOKASSA IS PLANNING VISIT SEVERAL ASIAN COUNTRIES THIS SUMMER, INCLUDING KOREA, JAPAN, SOUTH VIET-NAM, PAKISTAN AND LEBANON. LEE SAYS LATTER THREE WILL BE OFFICIAL VISITS AND ONE TO JAPAN WILL BE PRIVATE, WITH STATUS OF KOREAN VISIT STILL UNDECIDED AND AWAITING SEOUL'S REACTION.

2. JAPAN, KOREA AND VIETNAMESE VISITS HAVE BEEN SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION FOR SOME TIME, BUT THIS IS FIRST WE HAVE HEARD OF STOPS IN LEBANON AND PAKISTAN. ALONG WITH HIS USUAL SUMMER VISITS TO FRANCE AND OTHER PARTS OF EUROPE, THESE PROMISE ANOTHER ACTIVE TOURING SEASON FOR BOKASSA THIS YEAR. PRESUMED PURPOSE OF VISITS WOULD BE PRESTIGE AND SEARCH FOR FURTHER SOURCES OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

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